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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP, SNAR

SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

REF: TAIPEI 5118

1. ACCORDING TO REFTEL, CONGRESSMAN WOLFF CLAIMED TO HAVE EVIDENCE OF IBMND TRAFFICKING IN THE REPORT GIVEN HIM BY ADRIAN COWELL, BRITISH TV REPORTER WHO HAS SPENT TIME IN THE SHAN STATES AND NORTHERN THAILAND. WE FIND NO MENTION OF IBMND TRAFFICKING IN OUR COPY OF THE COWELL PAPER. THIS REPORT DOES DISCUSS TRAFFICKING BY GENERAL LI WEN HUAN'S CHINESE IRREGULAR FORCES, AND WOLFF MAY HAVE CONFUSED THESE WITH THE IBMND.

2. IN THE DCM'S DISCUSSIONS WITH COWELL AUGUST 22 AND 24, THE DCM ASKED COWELL IF HE HAD EVIDENCE OF IBMND INVOLVEMENT IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. COWELL SAID THE IBMND AS SUCH WAS NOT TRAFFICKING TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, BUT HE BELIEVED INDIVIDUAL IBMND OFFICERS WERE SENDING SMALL AMOUNTS OF OPIUM OUT OF BURMA.

3. COWELL ALSO COMMENTED TO THE DCM THAT RTG ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS HAD CUT CIF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING BY SIXTY PER CENT, BUT THAT GENERAL LI IS STILL INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING. WE ARE CONTINUING TO BRING THESE REPORTS

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